

# PEERS® Social Skills Group

*Verrecchia Clinic, Bradley Hospital Outpatient Services*

When do groups meet?

- One day/week from 3:30 - 5:00 PM
- Duration: 16 weeks

What are the participation requirements?

- Teens aged 12-17, who have ASD and/or social challenges (groups will be matched with similar aged peers)
- Teens must be interested in attending, and agree to participate voluntarily
- Parent must be willing to participate in simultaneous parent group
- Consistent attendance required for both teens and parent

How can I apply?

- Contact our office at 401-432-1119 to complete a brief phone screen with a member of our staff
- Come to Bradley (parent and teen) for a 60 to 90-minute intake appointment to determine if our program is appropriate for you and your teen
- Complete and return your enrollment packet

## **ABOUT PEERS®**

- PEERS® for adolescents is an evidence-based social skills intervention for motivated teens who are interested in making and keeping friends and/or handling conflict and rejection.
- Teens are taught social skills through didactic lessons and role-play demonstrations, and practice these skills during group socialization activities.
- Parents attend separate sessions simultaneously and are taught how to assist their teens in making and keeping friends.

### Skills addressed

*Developing and maintaining friendships  
Using humor appropriately  
Organizing get-togethers  
Handling disagreements, teasing and bullying*

*Conversational skills  
Electronic communication  
Being a good sport  
Changing a bad reputation*